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SUBJECT:GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON JULY 18 BOMBINGS

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1. INFORMATION MINISTER REGUERA, ON JULY 23, PROVIDED PRESS
WITH OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT OF BOMBINGS WHICH REITERATES
INFO PROVIDED REFTEL. ACCORDING TO REGUERA, WHO EXPLICITLY
DENIED THAT ULTRA-RIGHT WAS RESPONSIBLE, OVER 25 SUSPECTS,
SOME OF WHOM HAD ALREADY CONFESSED, WERE IN CUSTODY, AND
A NUMBER OF UNEXPLODED BOMBS HAD BEEN RECOVERED. HIS STATE-
MENT INCLUDED THE FIRST PUBLIC REFERENCE TO THE UNEXPLODED
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DEVICE WHICH WAS DISCOVERED IN THE ARMY MINISTRY.

2. NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS (DGS) ALSO RELEASED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE CHARGING THE REVOLUTIONARY ANTI-FASCIST GROUP, FIRST OF OCTOBER (NOW GIVEN THE ACRONYM GRA INSTEAD OF GRAF), THE ACTION ARM OF THE ULTRA-LEFT RECONSTITUTED SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE-R) WITH THE ATTACKS. BOTH STATEMENTS ALSO CHARGE THE GRA WITH THE MURDER LAST OCTOBER 1 OF FOUR POLICEMEN, ACTS FOR WHICH THE DGS PREVIOUSLY HAD BLAMED A SEPARATE TERRORIST GROUP, THE FRAP.

3. PRESS REPORTS, BASED ON INFO FROM OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES, DESCRIBE THE PCE-R AS A VIOLENCE-PRONE MAOIST MINI-GROUP WHICH ASPIRES TO "THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A TRUE MARXIST-LENINIST SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY CARRILL'S REVISIONISM." ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE PCE-R FIRST APPEARED IN JULY 1975. UNTIL THAT TIME IT HAD BEEN KNOWN AS THE SPANISH MARXIST-LENINIST ORGANIZATION (OMLE). OMLE, IN TURN, HAD BEEN FORMED IN 1969, AN OUTGROWTH OF THE MARXIST-LENINIST SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE-ML), WHICH HAD SPLIT OFF FROM THE ORTHODOX PCE IN 1964.

4. MEANWHILE, IN AN APPARENTLY UNRELATED DEVELOPMENT, EDUARDO MARIA MORENO BERGARECHE (AKA "PERTUR"), A WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF ETA'S POLITICAL/MILITARY WING AND REPORTEDLY A PARTICIPANT IN THE INFAMOUS BERAZADI KIDNAPPING, HAS DISAPPEARED IN FRANCE. WHETHER HE HAS INFACIT BEEN KIDNAPPED IS UNCERTAIN, SINCE NO ONE HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS DISAPPEARANCE. ETA REPORTEDLY HAS ACCUSED THE RIGHTIST ATE (ANTI-TERRORISM-ETA) OF ABDUCTING HIM. HOWEVER, THE BERAZADI KIDNAPPING, BECAUSE IT RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF THE VICTIM, WAS PARTICULARLY DIVISIVE WITHIN ETA, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT MORENO BERGARECHE'S DISAPPEARANCE IS THE RESULT OF INTERNECINE ETA STRIFE CANNOT BE RULED OUT. (AMCONSUL BILBAO REPORTS THAT THE BASQUE RUMOR MILL IS WORKING OVERTIME WITH STORIES THAT ETA'S POLITICAL/MILITARY WING IS TURNING AWAY FROM TERRORISM AND TOWARD NON-VIOLENT POLITICAL PURSUITS.) IT ALSO IS CONCEIVABLE THAT "PERTUR" DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT IN FRANCE IN ORDER
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